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PLACE: VITTANGI

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COUNTRY: SWEDEN

Population: 1,010

Province: Lappland

250 meters above sea level.

Date of Observation: 14 Apr. '51

General Description:

Trading center and road junction on south bank of Torne River downstream from Kiruna.

Geographic Description:

Torne River Valley draining mountains on Swedish-Norwegian border to Gulf of Bothnia. Terrain generally rolling, glaciated, well forested.

Occupations:

Agricultural

Milk and some vegetables,
wood cutting

Fishing

river fishing in
Summer

Industrial

Minor woodworking
and local various.

Natural Vegetation:

Variable birch, poplar, spruce and pine. Marsh and swamp vegetation frequent.

Land Forms and Geology:

River valley flood plain within gently rolling glaciated terrain.

Mining:

None, but note iron ore to west.

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Swedish with important admixture of Lapps, especially in rural districts.

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Temperatures: -20° C

Precipitation: None, snow cover on ground. Some snow falling occasionally.

Clouds: Five-tenths, some morning fog.

Other: River ice strong enough for loaded bus.

Electric Power:Source: Hydro

Voltage: 230

Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Whole area, 3 wire on wood pole.

Telephone Yes Telegraph Yes Radio TV TRANSPORTATION: (From: Vittangi To: Kiruna and HaparandaRailway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : County #343 to Kiruna. #395, #393 and #400 to Haparanda.

Surface Type: Gravel all weather.

Width : Two-car

Seasonal Use: Plowed for buses in Winter.

Underpass : Note work on southern bank of Torne River probably construction for bridge to replace ferry.

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Location: Torne River on highway.

Tonnage:

Capacity: 10 cars.

Schedules: Summer only. Ice used in Winter.

Steamers: None

Routing:

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules:

Bus Routes: Kiruna 76 kil. Gallevarre, 105 kms. Pajala 110 kms., Karesuando 108 kms.

Summer: All year round.

Winter:

Other Transportation:Note - Travel time by bus and electric train is as follows.
Stockholm - 24 hrs. Goteborg 28½ hrs. Malmö 31 hrs.MAPS

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(Note - Includes description of important settlements)	1:1,000,000		

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
None				

PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: 14 Apr. '51 Arrived: 1015 am
 Vittangi

Starting Point: Karesuando Departed: 14 Apr. 11:00 am

Distance traveled (in kms): 108

Vehicles Used: Regular bus

Where stayed: Lindquist's Hotel Comments: Good
 Lindquist Hotel at bus station

CONTACTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
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SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
Wood cutting & misc. local.			

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None Vittangi inland town.

Cargo Handling:Wharves:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Depth</u>
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Lighters:Cranes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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Repair FacilitiesMachine Shops:Foundries:Dry docks:Salvage gear:Supplies Available

Water _____

Coal _____

Provisions _____

Oil-Fuel _____

Engineering _____

Diesel Fuel _____

Deck _____

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